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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 07, 2003, please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 5.

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Claims 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cottrell et al. in view of Stewart et al. The Applicants submit that neither Stewart et al. nor Cottrell et al. teach the composition of the present invention. As indicated above, Cottrell et al. does not teach a composition comprising zein. As such, the combination of Stewart et al. and Cortell et al. does not teach each and every element of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with this submission to the Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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